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1. US MTN DEL (KNEPPER, DRAZEK) MET WITH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AMB. ROSENBERG JUNE 29 TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL GODR REQUESTS (SEE REF. C) AND TO PRESS NEED FOR RECEIPT OF GODR OFFER ASAP. US MTN DEL NOTED THAT ADDENDUM TO U.S. TARIFFS OFFER TABLED JUNE 19 CONTAINED US OFFERS ON FOUR ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DR: TSUS 136.00 DASHEENS; 145.09 COCONUT MEAT; 147.85 GUAVAS PREP OR PRES; 152.54 GUAVA PASTE & PULP. FOR US TO MAINTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS OFFERS ON PRODUCTS ON WHICH DR WAS BENEFICIARY (SEE REF A), AS WELL FOR POSSIBLE OFFERS ON ADDITIONAL DR REQUESTS, SOME AGREEMENT ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRADE LIBERAL-IZATION BY THE DR WOULD BE NECESSARY. OFFER NEEDED ASAP AS US WAS SEEKING TO REACH SUBSTANTIVE MTN AGREEMENTS BY JULY 15.

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2. DURING MEETING, AMB. ROSENBERG TELEPHONED ROBERTO SALADIN OF CEDOPEX TO INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OF DR OFFER. SALADIN NOTED SEVERE DR BOP PROBLEMS DUE TO LOW SUGAR PRICES, AND RESULTING LARGE TRADE AND PAYMENTS DEFICITS WHICH CAUSED DR CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES TO OPPOSE TARIFF REDUCTIONS. GODR GATT COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET JULY 6 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF FOREIGN MINISTER TO DECIDE ON POSSIBLE GODR OFFER. (FYI AUG. 16 CHANGE OF DR GOVERNMENT WAS NOT MENTIONED AS A DIRECT CAUSE OF DELAY IN SUBMITTING OFFERS. END FYI.) FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, AMB. ROSENBERG SAID IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF US EMBASSY OFFICERS COULD CONTACT SALADIN AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER IF POSSIBLE, TO POINT OUT NEED FOR RAPID ACTION.

3. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EMB OFF COULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE GODR OFFICIALS ASAP TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- MTN IS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE BOUND MFN TARIFF CONCESSIONS; IT IS RAPIDLY DRAWING TO CLOSE AS JULY 15 TARGET FOR SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS APPROACHES.

-- US HAS TABLED AND IS CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL OFFERS IN RESPONSE TO DR REQUESTS, BUT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND EVENTUALLY IMPLEMENT

SUCH OFFERS, SOME DR CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRADE LIBERALIZATION WILL BE NECESSARY.

-- US IS SYMPATHETIC TO SEVERE BOP PROBLEMS OF DR AND OTHER COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING US -- AND IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE PHASING IN OF ANY REDUCTIONS IN THE 1980'S. GATT HAS VARIOUS PROVISIONS FOR TEMPORARY TRADE MEASURES WHEN COUNTRIES ENCOUNTER BOP DIFFICULTIES.

-- WE GAVE GODR INDICATIVE LISTS OF US EXPORT INTERESTS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS, AND ON AGRICULTURAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS; WE SEEK AS POSITIVE RESPONSE AS POSSIBLE IN THESE PRODUCT AREAS.

-- US IS FLEXIBLE AND WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON NATURE AND TIMING OF CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT DOES REQUIRE SOME SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE OFFERS OF COUNTRIES WHICH ARE BENEFICIARIES OF US OFFERS.

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-- SUCH INITIAL OFFERS ARE NEEDED ASAP TO ALLOW
BALANCING AND FINAL REVISION OF US OFFERS.

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